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SR10-02
Resolution

The Members of the D.C. State Board of Education Present the Following Resolution

To Approve the Rearticulated Science Standards for Grades 5, 8, and Biology in the District of Columbia

WHEREAS, DC Code § 38-2652(a)(2) requires the State Board of Education to approve state academic standards, following a recommendation by the State Superintendent of Education, ensuring that the standards recommended by the State Superintendent of Education:

- (A) Specify what children are expected to know and be able to do;
- (B) Contain coherent and rigorous content;
- (C) Encourage the teaching of advanced skills; and
- (D) Are updated on a regular basis;

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent has recommended that the State Board of Education take approval action on the Rearticulated Science Standards for Grades 5,8, and Biology; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent has indicated that a complete review of all the Science Content Standards will be brought before the State Board for review in 2011 to ensure that the standards are updated on a regular basis unless there is an imminent national or state driven movement towards the development of science standards;

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education received public comment on the Rearticulated Science Standards for Grades 5, 8, and Biology through a public hearing held on March 3, 2010 and OSSE posted the proposed rearticulated standards on the website; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rearticulated science standards better align the standards and the assessments.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education approves the Rearticulated Science Standards for Grades 5, 8, and Biology dated February 24, 2010
<http://osse.dc.gov/se/cwp/view,a,1274,q,561249.asp>

March 17, 2010

Date adopted

Attest